MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ താലൂക്കിൽ കൃഷിക്കായി ന. ഏക്കർ ര. സെൻറുവീതം എത്ര ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലമാണു കുത്തകപ്പാട്ടമായി നൽകാൻ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

PRESIDENT : The honourable member will kindly raise his voice

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : ഇത്ര ഏക്കർ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു പ്രത്യേകമായി നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ ന. ഏക്കർ ര. സെൻറു സ്ഥലം ആർക്കെല്ലാമാണു പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : പതിവുകാരുടെ പേർ ശരിയായി ഇവിടെ കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*): ഫ ഫ ഫവ-ൽ ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു എത്ര അപേക്ഷകർ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഒട്ടുക്കാണോ ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): On a point of order, Sir. This question does not arise out of the question printed in the list.

PRESIDENT : The question is out of order.

Grievances of the tapioca cultivators.

35. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorandum from the Committee members of the Karshakasamajam, Irawankara Muri, Mavelikara taluk, setting forth the grievances of the tapioca cultivators and praying for their redress; and

(*b*) what action they propose to take thereon and when?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes

(*b*) Government consider that the control measures have been introduced in the best interests of the country and have had a salutary effect in easing the food situation and they do not propose to relax any of the control measures now in force with regard to the price, the export or manufacture of tapioca, until the food situation is completely eased.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what the prayers in the memorandum are?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The prayer in the memorandum is that as the price of tapioca has come down to nearly one-third of the previous price, all restrictions in relation to the control of the price and export of the material should be removed.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government enquired into the matter?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Government are fully aware of the circumstances which brought about this control order and also of the present conditions.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is really a reduction in the price of tapioca now?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: If there is a reduction, it will be welcome.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): May I know whether tapioca is being exported to Cochin?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: So far as Cochin is concerned, we were under the impression that her policy was in accord with that of Travancore.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the cost of labour and manure has gone high?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It has gone up, and that was one of the reasons why the price was fixed at one chuckram for 1¼ pounds in January 1944, whereas the price fixed by the Government earlier was one chuckram for two pounds. It was at the instance of the House that that was done.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): May I know the price of tapioca at present?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is 1 chuckram for 1½ pounds.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED: May I know whether it is being exported to Cochin?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There is a limited quantity of tapioca that is exported to Cochin from here.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Sir.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. There is only one opportunity given for an honourable member to put supplementary questions on his question printed in the list.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether in fact tapioca is exported to Cochin from Travancore?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir. A limited quantity has been allowed by the Travancore Government to be exported to Cochin.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is a proposal for the conversion of raw tapioca into flour in Cochin?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: So far as we are aware there is no such proposal except to a limited extent for the production of starch for certain purposes.

PRESIDENT: In regard to this matter, I may say that Government have been receiving from very influential sources in Bombay and elsewhere requests from time to time that these restrictions should be

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removed. In Bombay the prices are now about 8 to 10 times the local price, and very influential organisations and leaders of the textile industry in Bombay have come here and waited in deputation on me and have been trying their utmost to remove tapioca from Travancore. Pressure has been brought to bear upon this Government both by those great industrial agencies and through certain Governments for the purpose of changing the policy of this Government. This Government have definitely stated and adhered to that policy that not even an ounce of tapioca will go out of the State until the food situation is rendered definitely easier.

As regards supplementary questions, I think I ought to make the rule clear for the benefit of the new members. The rule is that an honourable member who has put in a question might ask a supplementary question for the purpose of clearing up or elucidating the facts arising out of the question in the printed list. But the moment the supplementary question or questions have been put and the honourable member has resumed his seat, the honourable member cannot put any other series of questions.

Food Control Committee, Vaikom.

36. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which the Food Control Committee of the Vaikom taluk held its last meeting and whether any decision has been arrived at in the said meeting or in any of the previous meetings for changing the method of distribution adopted till then *re* the supply of kerosene oil and sugar?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*): The last meeting of the Vaikom Taluk Food Advisory Committee was held on 9-10-1119. The Assistant Rationing and Purchase Officer, one of the Committee members who was deputed to submit a revised scheme for the distribution of sugar and kerosene oil, reported that the system of ration cards may be introduced throughout the taluk, as in areas within Municipal limits. No decision has been arrived at in the matter.

Night Schools.

37. *SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the reasons for a fall in the strength of night schools from 506 in 1117 to 440 in 1118, have been enquired into by the Education Department;

(*b*) what steps have been taken to improve the working of these schools in view of the fact that they contribute largely towards the promotion of adult education in the State; and

(*c*) whether the question of opening night schools for boys and grown-up men as well as for girls and grown-up women under departmental management has been considered by the department?

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